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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i9)

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Chad A. Mirkin, et al. |) | Examiner: J. Riley |
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| Serial No.: 09/973,638 |) | Art Unit: 1656 |
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| Filed: October 10, 2001 |) | Confirmation No. 7336 |
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| For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING |) | |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated April 3, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.